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OPERATION IN AUSTRIA

1. CAIRO PRESS SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1 PORTRAYS HIGHJACKING OF AUSTRAIN TRAIN BY FEDAYEEN, AND EXTRACTION OF COMMITMENT TO CLOSE TRANSIT CAMP FOR SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL, AS VICTORY FOR ARABS. MAJOR ARTICLES IN ALL NEWS-PAPERS SEPTEMBER 30 GAVE CLEAR INDICATION OF EGYPTIAN DELIGHT THAT FEDAYEEN HAVE PULLED OFF SUCCESSFUL OPERATION WHICH HAS DONE NO EVIDENT HARM TO ARAB CAUSE. OCTOBER 1 PRESS SHIFTS FOCUS TO "VIOLENT PRESSURE" BY US AND CAMPAIGN BY ISRAEL TO KEEP TRANSIT CAMP OPEN.

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2. SPIN-OFF OF OPERATION AND SUBSEQUENT PRESS PLAY IS THAT MAJOR ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRATION ISSUE. IN PAST FEW MONTHS, CAIRO NEWSPAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED INCREASING NUMBER OF NEWS ITEMS ON TRANSIT OF SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL--THE RESULT, WE BELIEVE, OF GROWING EGYPTIAN UNHAPPINESS WITH SOVIETS OVER LATTER'S EMIGRATION POLICY. LATEST INCIDENT, IN PUTTING SPOTLIGHT ON MATTER, MAY MUDDY SOVIET/EGYPTIAN RELATIONSHIP EVEN FURTHER. SMITH

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